

City Surveys.

No. 6356.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 24th December 1872.

Letter from the Revenue Comamissioner, N.D., No. 1950, dated 3rd April 1872.—Submitting, with reference to Government Resolution No. 1226, dated 15th March 1872, a more detailed report as to the existing state of matters with regard to the cost of the Ahmedabad City Survey and Enquiry into Titles.

Memorandum from the Revenue Commissioner, N.D., No. 3784, dated 28th June 1872.—Submitting one from the Acting Collector of Ahmedabad, who forwards copy of a letter from Captain H. D. Cathcart, City Survey and Enquiry Officer, together with a statement showing the amount of work still remaining to be done in connection with the Ahmedabad City Survey, as called for in Government memorandum No. 2640, dated 31st May last.

Further memorandum from the Revenue Commissioner, N.D., No. 4636, dated 7th August 1872.—Forwarding, for early orders, with reference to correspondence ending with his office No. 1950, of the 3rd April last, one from the Acting Collector of Ahmedabad, relative to the adjustment of a balance of Rs. 11,445-14-5, which stood at the end of March last, against the City Survey Enquiry Officer on account of advances made for payment of salary of establishment and contingent charges, and debited to "advances recoverable," under the authority of the Accountant General's report No. A-3775, dated 24th January 1870, referred to in Government Resolution No. 578, dated 31st idem.

Further memorandum from the Revenue Commissioner, N.D., No. 4966, dated 21st August 1872.—Submitting information required in Government memorandum No. 3285, of the 9th July last.

Further memorandum from the Revenue Commissioner, N.D., No. 6944, dated 2nd December 1872.—Submitting one from the Collector of Ahmedabad, No. 2382, dated 23rd ultimo, who forwards copy of a letter from Mr. MacCartie, the City Enquiry Officer, affording explanation on the several points mooted by Government in their memorandum No. 4279, dated 29th August last.

RESOLUTION.—The cost of the Survey and Enquiry into Titles up to the 31st March 1872 has been as follows:—

By Government.	By Municipality.	Total.						
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
50,605	1	7	63,232	13	3	1,13,837	14	10
Out of current receipts since 1st July 1870	...					11,948	15	6
						1,25,786	14	4

For this expenditure the receipts have been—

Government.	In lump sums.	Total.						
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
28,580	2	8	8,143	14	3	36,724	0	11

In annual payments capitalised at 20 years' purchase.

62,563	2	0	1,84,688	7	0	2,47,251	9	0
91,143	4	8	1,92,832	5	3	2,83,975	9	11

or, deducting the sum paid out of current receipts, Rs. 2,72,026-10-5.

2. The cost of completing the Survey and Enquiry into Titles is estimated as follows, on the principle with regard to division of cost in force before the municipality gave up their right to profits, and the expenses were paid out of current receipts :—

Government.	Municipality.	Total.						
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
19,887	4	0	12,899	6	0	32,786	10	0

The return is estimated as follows :—

In lump sums.									
Government.	Municipality.	Total.							
Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	a.	
70,444	0	0	—	2,05,067	0	0	2,75,511	0	0
<i>In annual payments capitalised as above.</i>									
54,104	11	0	42,221	15	8	96,326	10	8	
1,24,548	11	0	2,47,288	15	8	3,71,837	10	8	

3. Adding past and estimated future cost and receipts together, it appears that at a total expense of Rs. 1,58,663-9-6, a return of Rs. 6,55,813-4-7 may be expected. Of the future receipts, however, Rs. 2,34,359 are on account of sale proceeds of land, which it will take many years to realise, if it is ever realised at all. But allowing for this, it seems clear that it will be quite worthwhile to continue the City Survey and complete it.

4. The accounts between Government and the Municipality may now be adjusted according to the principles explained in the Revenue Commissioner's letter No. 1950, of the 3rd April last, and a clear statement of the adjustment submitted for information.

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Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The REVENUE COMMISSIONER, N.D. (with the papers referred to in his memorandum No. 1297, dated 6th March last).

The COLLECTOR of AHMEDABAD.

The ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (with a copy of the Revenue Commissioner's letter No. 1950, of the 3rd April last).